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(Resigned 31st December, 1964).

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1964, on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

There has been an increase in the estimated population of 100 accounted for largely by an increase in the number of births and a fall in the number of deaths.

There were 305 cases of Measles notified during the year and it is to be hoped that the Measles vaccine will soon become generally available.

It is disturbing to see 21 cases of Whooping Cough notified. This disease should hardly occur if children are adequately immunised. Everything is done to make it convenient for parents to have their children protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis. A special clinic has been established for this purpose. This is in addition to the facilities available in the Doctors Surgeries. And yet despite all this some parents either forget or will not be bothered to protect their children.

During the year 230 private houses were completed and 10 Bungalows of the one bedroom type were built by the Council. As pointed out in previous Annual Reports many old and infirm people have been waiting a considerable time for Bungalow accommodation. Our scheme for Flatlets with Warden service has been a long time maturing. Of the 10 Boroughs in the County of Cheshire we are the only Authority without a Flatlet scheme completed and in operation.

Reference was made last year to the Offices and Shops Act and particularly how it affected our own Staff. The accommodation generally is poor in the various departments but in the Clerk's offices the standard is so low that in my view serious consideration should be given to providing temporary alternate facilities until the permanent building is completed. This latter project will take several years and it is wrong in my view to ask Staff to continue working under the present deplorable conditions.

Once more I tender my sincere thanks to Mr. J. Mee, the Town Clerk and his Deputy Mr. H. Lawton for their help and guidance, throughout the year. In particular I should like to draw attention to the work of the Chief Public Health Inspector whose constant assistance has enabled me to carry out my duties. I frequently consult with the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. A.B.Watson and the Housing Manager Mr. L.A.Watson and to both these officers I am indebted for their ready and forthcoming assistance at all times.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,
Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1963.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population .. 17400 (17300)

BIRTHS

		Total		Male		Female	
Live Births	(Legitimate	339	(290)	171	(159)	168	(131)
	(Illegitimate	5	(9)	4	(6)	1	(3)
Still Births	(Legitimate	5	(7)	3	(5)	2	(2)
	(Illegitimate	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	(-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1964-19.7 (17.2)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 18.4 (18.2)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 14.3 (26)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births-16.3 (17.3)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .28 (.46)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total population - .3 (.31)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	Total		Male		Female	
Legitimate	4	(7)	1	(6)	3	(1)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 11.6 (23.4)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 20 (20.9)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 11.7 (24.1)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - 0 (0)

DEATHS

	Total		Male		Female	
Deaths, all ages	181	(234)	93	(121)	88	(113)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population - 10.7 (13.9)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 11.3 (12.2)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	1	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	3	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	9	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	38	14	24
Coronary disease, angina	43	32	11
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
Other heart diseases	11	4	7
Other circulatory disease	12	5	7
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	15	3	12
Bronchitis	15	9	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	3	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	1	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	6	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	-
All other accidents	4	2	2
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	181	93	88

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	No. of deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	- (0)
Other maternal causes	- (0)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still births - 0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	Total	Male	Female
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N. S.C.M. H.V. - Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel.Con.2261.

Mrs. M.M. Barwick, Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel.Cong.2261.

CLINIC NURSE

Mrs. A.N. Thursfield, Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel.Cong. 2261.

Clinic Services

Continued heavy use is being made of the new Clinic in Nursery Lane.

It has been found necessary to separate off the immunisation from the regular Infant Welfare Sessions and run a special Clinic on the first Thursday morning of every month. This has enabled the Clinic Doctor to devote more time to the preventive health problems that arise in the rearing of children.

As was foreshadowed a new building has enabled us to widen the scope of our services and an experimental trial is being made with a Health Advisory Service for Elderly Persons. This is only at its beginning stage but we have made a good start and there is a probability of a very useful service being developed in this direction.

We are also awaiting the Ministry of Health's approval to start a Cervical Smear Clinic. We have a lady Doctor available for this service as and when permission to start comes through.

Clinic Foods Sold during 1964

Cow and Gate	2795
Ostermilk	1337
Trufood	493
S.M.A.	895
Triple Pack	294
Farex	326
High Protein Cereal	113
Trufood Cereal	79
Spoonfoods	1517
Rose Hip Syrup	2092
Ribena	606
A. & D. Liquid	922
Minadex	43
Virol	178
Vitavel	368
Farlene	312
Robsoups	68
Juvel	386

Statistics

Mother's Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	84 (55)	440 (213)	50 (45)
Dental			
Pre-natal	6 (6)	11 (11)	
Nursing Mothers	20 (7)	56 (23)	
Dentures supplied	10 (3)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
251 (259)	- (-)	- (-)	3589 (3238)	467 (290)	96 (95)	48 (48)	450 (779)	9.3 (16.2)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average Per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	8 (4)	44 (29)	23 (20)	1.9 (1.4)
E.N.T. Clinic	9 (2)	15 (11)	7 (10)	2.1 (1.1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average Per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	44 (31)	368 (358)	23 (20)	16 (17.9)
E.N.T. Clinic	27 (20)	58 (90)	7 (10)	8.3 (9)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1964

Distribution Centre	National F. Cream	Dried Milk H. Cream	A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
Nursery Lane Clinic and Divisional Medical Office	1868 (2447)	84 (75)	726 (677)	358 (365)	4910 (4281)

DAY NURSERY

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and efficient Day Nurseries in Cheshire. Despite the frequency of infections that occur in young children we are nearly always full. Although we work in an old building a great deal has been done to modernise and improve and in many respects is better than some of the more modern buildings being erected.

Wherever possible mothers should stay at home to rear their own children and certainly during the first eighteen months no child should be admitted.

However, mothers will continue to go to work and it is our duty to safeguard the interests of the children by providing satisfactory facilities.

Day Nursery - Attendances, 1964

	Average No. Attending		Total Attendances	
0-2 years	10.2	(12)	2484	(2903)
2-5 years	32.2	(29.5)	7880	(7087)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %
86.8 (76)	94.5 (86.7)	81 (82.3)	73.1 (91.6)	89.2 (87.9)	91 (68.8)

July %	Aug. %	Sept. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1964 %
82 (83.6)	68.5 (82.8)	94.5 (91)	93.2 (96.6)	96.1 (80.2)	92.5 (93.3)	86.8 (85.1)

Midwifery

The Mifwife employed by the Cheshire County Council during 1964 was:-

Name	Address	Tel. No.
D.H.Wright,	"Ewanrigg", Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Con. 3240

Nurse Wright resigned on the 31st March, 1965.

In addition, Nurse M.S. Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1964

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
252 (240)	4 (5)	73 (75)	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (-)

Once again it is satisfactory to report that with an increase in the number of births there have been no maternal deaths.

Home Nursing

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

Name	Address	Tel. No.
M. S. Bowman,	4, High Lowe Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Con. 3444
B. Clinch,	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Con. 2104

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Vaccination and Immunisation - Statistics

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre - school children	4	(-)
School children	1	(-)
	5	(-)

Re-enforcing injections	1	(-)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	2	(1)
School children	-	(-)
	2	(1)
Re-inforcing injections	-	(-)

Tetanus Immunisation

Pre-School	-	(-)
School	2	(1)
	2	(1)
Re-inforcing injections	1	(-)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)

Pre-school children	171	(270)
School children	20	(26)
	191	(296)
Re-inforcing injections	38	(17)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	-	(-)
School children	-	(-)
	-	(-)
Re-inforcing injections	-	(-)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus)

Pre-school children	-	(-)
School children	63	(-)
	63	(-)
Re-inforcing injections	164	(2)

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	73	(36)
School children	8	(11)
Adults	27	(28)
	108	(75)
Re-vaccination	22	(23)

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

It is not possible to separate the figures in respect of each County District and the table below shows the figures for the whole of South-East Cheshire.

	Salk Vaccine				Oral Vaccine			
	1st Injection	2nd Injection	3rd Injection	4th Injection	1st Dose	2nd Dose	3rd Dose	Reinforcing Dose after salk vaccine.
Children born in 1964					133	133	133	
Children born in 1963					625	625	625	
Children born in 1962					100	100	100	
Children born in 1961					51	51	51	
Children and Young Persons born in 1943 - 1960					164	164	164	
Persons born in 1933 - 1942					46	46	46	
Others					134	134	134	
Totals					1253	1253	1253	157

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1964

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	50	(44)
	50	(44)

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1964

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	28	(28)
	28	(28)

Applications received during 1964

Confinement	3	(4)
Sickness	12	(14)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	28	(22)
	43	(40)

Cases attended during 1964

Confinement	4	(3)
Sickness	23	(23)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	70	(62)
	97	(88)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December, 1964

Confinement	-
Sickness	20
Tuberculosis	-
Aged & Infirm	50
	70

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr.A.B.Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Extensive private development within the Borough has continued during the year in the West Heath, Lower Heath and Buglawton areas. In all cases, the development has required extension of the present sewerage system.

Public Cleansing

A total of approximately 6,120 tons of household refuse has been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year. Land previously purchased and adjoining the Tip has been drained and tipping is now taking place on this area.

Salvage

A total of 52 tons 10 cwts 1 qr. of waste paper has been collected for disposal during the year at a total value of £392. 6. 11d.

Housing

Number of Council Houses completed in 1964:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1-Bedroom Type bungalows	10	(6)
Private houses completed in 1964	230	(48)
Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December, 1964 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows)	230	(432)
Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	23	(63)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1964.

Disease	Age Distribution												Total	Cases Admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & Over		
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Measles	7	29	37	52	46	129	2	2	1	-	-	-	305	-
Pneumonia	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	5	4	15	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	2	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	1
Whooping Cough	3	-	2	1	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1964 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1955.

Notifications - 1955 to 1964

	1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																	1		1	
15 - 25	5												1							
25 - 35	1	1	1		1					1									1	
35 - 45	1				3			1					1						1	
45 - 55	3		4		2		2				1					1	1			
55 - 65	1		2		2						1				1		2		1	
65 & Over	1		1								1		1						1	
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 Year	1																			
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																	2			
15 - 25	1		2		3	1	1				1		1	1						
25 - 35	2				1		1						1				1			
35 - 45	2		1		1								1							
45 - 55	2		1		1														1	1
55 - 65	1				1				1											
65 & Over									1	1	1									
Total	21	1	12	-	15	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1

DEATHS - 1955/1964

	1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35			1																	
35 - 45																				
45 - 55			2														1			
55 - 65	1				1										1		2			
65 & Over	1		3				1								1					
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5		1																		
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45	1				1															
45 - 55															1					
55 - 65																				
65 & Over									1											
Total	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register

at 31st December, 1964, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	2	2	8	12	9	13	7	53
Female Pulmonary	-	-	2	5	12	12	5	8	6	50
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	3	5	4	4	4	1	-	21
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	4	2	-	1	4	4	15

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department, and have been compiled by Mr.R.G.Whiston.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, came into operation and initially efforts were concentrated on ensuring that all premises were registered as required under the Act. Towards the end of the year, inspections were commenced and almost all the Offices were inspected.

During the Aberdeen Typhoid outbreak and following information from the Ministry of Health, all food premises in the Borough were visited and Corned Beef stocks examined. 17 x 6 lb. tins from the suspect canning factory were found, withdrawn from sale and brought to the office for safe keeping. 10 of these tins were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination. The remainder were held pending further guidance from the Ministry.

Many complaints of rats were received from newly built houses in the West Heath area and it is felt that the infestations were encouraged by scrap food left in the vicinity and in houses under construction.

The swimming pool at the National Children's Home was covered in and as it is used by local schoolchildren visits were made and routine samples of the water taken each month.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Complaints. During the year 111 complaints were received and investigated; 19 of these were unfounded.

9 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters, and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Nuisances. Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 106 houses were inspected, a total of 85 nuisances found and 76 informal notices issued. 163 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 92 nuisances found to be abated. 74 informal notices were complied with. 1 formal notice was served and complied with.

Drainage. The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 301 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply. Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the Baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's Swimming Baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester carried out Bacteriological Examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

On survey it was found that all, except 27 (80 occupants), of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Disinfestation. The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council Houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 15 inspections have been carried out and treatments were found to be necessary in 2 cases.

Infectious Disease and Disinfestation.

The incidence of notifiable diseases was extremely low, so that very little work of investigation and disinfection was necessary.

Caravans. A licence for the caravan site at Timbersbrook was issued and regular inspections have been carried out to ensure that conditions were satisfactory.

The position with regard to the site at Astbury Marsh was still under consideration by the Council at the end of the year.

Noise Abatement. A complaint was received from the tenants of houses in the vicinity of the Central Kitchen, New Street, of noise from the extractor fan. Following representation to the Cheshire County Council, necessary modifications were carried out and the nuisance abated.

Another complaint was of noise from heavy earth moving machinery working on a sand quarry, and on being approached, the owners made adjustments to the vehicles and altered the method of operation so the noise was reduced to an acceptable level.

Public Mortuary. This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 34 admissions.

Clean Air Act, 1956. The Health Committee again considered the possibility of Smoke Control Areas in the Borough, taking into account Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 69/63, dealing with fuel supplies and approved appliances. It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Complaints were received from householders of fumes from an oil fired boiler chimney stack. This was considered to be due to emissions of sulphur dioxide being discharged at a low level. The management, on consultation, were extremely co-operative and raised the chimney about 30 feet, since when the householders have no further complaint.

Generally speaking the industrial chimneys in the Borough operate well within the limits under the Act and in many cases operate virtually smokelessly.

Housing Acts, 1957-1964

66 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 410 revisits made. 23 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 2 areas completely cleared.

2 houses were subjected to Closing Orders and 13 Individual houses were demolished as a result of Demolition Orders.

1 Clearance Area of 17 houses was represented to the Council. 2 Closing Orders were made on Individual Unfit houses.

Orders in respect of 6 Clearance Areas, comprising 60 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Improvement Grants

23 applications for Standard Grants and 6 for Discretionary Grants were received and approved. One application for a Standard Grant was refused.

Rent Act, 1957
Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for a Certificate of Disrepair were received. One application from an owner for cancellation of a Certificate was received and granted.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

471 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 119 contraventions were found and 36 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 72 contraventions had been abated, and 34 notices complied with.

Ice-Cream

There are 11 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold-mix" method.

93 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

5 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food.

39 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 37 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The two slaughterhouses in the Borough were re-licensed for a further year but at only one of these was any slaughtering carried out.

All animals killed were inspected in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, and carcases passed as fit marked in accordance with the Regulations.

The Council again considered the charges to be made for Meat Inspection and decided that no change be made.

All meat and offal condemned is placed in the receptacles provided, stained with naphthalene green and removed on the Council's behalf by Messrs. Beeson Bros, of Crewe.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

24 Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed and one new licence granted.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960

Registered are 8 Dairies and 74 Distributors.

7 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

"Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus".

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	34	-
Dealer Samples	37	-
Individual Cow Samples	-	-
Total	71	-
There were, at the end of 1964, 15 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.		

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

39 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 800 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and one treatment carried out during the year.

Shops Act, 1950.

3 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.

Factory Act, 1961

21 inspections have been made. 5 contraventions were found, and 11 contraventions, some of which were noted in 1963, were remedied.

Outworkers.

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, came into operation and following national publicity, circular letters and visits to premises, a total of 194 premises were registered. These are made up as follows:-

Office	-	40
Retail Shops	-	139
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	5
Catering establishments	-	8
Fuel storage depots	-	2

A total of 750 persons (Males 322, Females 428) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Towards the end of the year, a start was made on general inspections and the majority of the offices and a few of the other premises were visited.

145 contraventions were found and 43 informal notices served. Some re-inspections were carried out and 13 of the contraventions had been abated and 5 notices complied with.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections

	No. of Visits
General	
Water Supply	120
Drainage	301
Stables and Piggeries	7
Caravans	23
Factories	21
Rats and Mice	39
Shops Act	3
Miscellaneous Visits	280
Interviewing and Appointments	342
Atmospheric Pollution	81
Swimming Baths	5
Pet Shops	-
Schools	6
Noise Abatement	24
Hairdressers	1
Farms	5
Refuse Disposal	2
Housing - Under Public Health Act.	
No. of Houses inspected	106
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	162
Under Housing Acts.	
No. of Houses inspected	66
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	410
Verminous Premises.	
No. of inspections	15
Found verminous and disinfested	2
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	149
Improvement Grants	104
Infectious Disease	16
Visits re Disinfection	3
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	19

	No. of Visits
Food Premises and Food Inspection	
Visits to Slaughterhouses	204
Butchers	60
Fishmongers and Poulterers	6
Grocers	235
Dairies and Milkshops	7
Ice-cream premises	5
Food preparing premises	37
Bakehouses	23
Restaurants	26
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	14
Licensed Premises	67
Miscellaneous Food Visits	16
Factory Canteens	67
Vehicles	4
Summary of Notices Served.	
No. of informal notices served	171
No. of informal notices complied with	126
No. of statutory notices served	1
No. of statutory notices complied with	2
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	
Offices	54
Retail Shops	26
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	5
Caterers	1
Fuel Storage	5
Total visits	3175

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 - 1932

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	19
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officer under Public Health or Housing Acts	76
No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to:-	
(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	2

	No. of visits
No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts	1
No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
No. of Demolition Orders made	Nil
No. of Closing Orders made	2
No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
No. of houses demolished	36
No. of Closing Orders under Section 27 (2) of the Housing Act, 1957, determined	1

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	26
Canteens	21
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers & Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	115
Restaurants & Cafes	27
Bakehouses	9

Meat and Other Food Inspection

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street	-	121	12	152	1	465	245	996

Weight of meat condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
504	35	-	70	871	1480

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Foods	2	3	17	10
Other Foods	4	1	11	15
	7	1	1	9

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole.

	Cattle Ex.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	273	12	1	465	245
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	64	5	-	26	34
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis -					
1962	14.00	40.90	-	8.29	27.3
1963	20.46	59.79	-	5.72	14.82
1964	23.81	41.66	-	5.81	14.28

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	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis -					
1962	.5	.35	-	-	.125
1963	Nil	Nil	-	-	0.595
1964	0.37	Nil	-	-	0.41
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	2	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis -					
1962	.5	4.54	-	-	-
1963	Nil	4.12	-	-	-
1964	0.37	16.66	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	TYPE OR PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	31	6008	1078	7123	86
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	2	110	31	143	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	78	17	96	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	25	14	40	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	31	149	335	515	58
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	30	81	196	307	46
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	2	114	116	11
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority.	32	181	341	554	57

Factory Act, 1961.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sects.1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	158	21	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl. out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	158	21	2	-

2 Cases in which DEFECTS were found-

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	1	-	1	-

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	10	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not inc. offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	11	-	1	-

TABLE A - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices.	40	40	35
Retail Shops	139	139	8
Wholesale shops, warehouses	5	5	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	8	8	-
Fuel storage depots	2	2	2
TOTALS	194	194	48

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices.	229
Retail shops.	429
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	23
Catering establishments open to the public	58
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots.	11
Total	750
Total Males	322
Total Females	428